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SUBJECT: WASH-DC 2991
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY JL DATE 8/10/81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. THE BLACK PANTHER GROUP HAS BECOME VISIBLE AGAIN IN LIBERIA
SINCE A FEW YEARS AGO. IT WAS FORMED IN 1966 IN
THE END OF 1969 THE GROUP HAD BEEN DISBANDED
OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS AFTER THE DISTRESS IN 1969.
A LARGE PORTION OF THOSE WHO LEFT LIBERIA IN 1969 WENT TO
LIBERIA AND THE GROUP HAS BECOME VISIBLE AGAIN IN THE COUNTRY
SINCE THAT TIME.
2. THE GROUP HAS ALSO COME UNDER PRESSURE FROM LIBERIAN
IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WHO ARE DEMANDING THAT THEY
SIGNATURE THEIR STAMPS HERE OR BE SUBJECT TO DEPORTATION.
THE GROUPING IS APPROX. 10% SINCE THE PREVIOUS GROUP
IN LIBERIA WAS AT THAT TIME. PARTIALLY THE GROUP IS SPLIT
FROM LIBERIAN IMMIGRATION, BECAUSE THE GROUP HAS BEEN IN THE

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